Directors of the South-Central Feeder Pig Association first officers elected Thursday night are from left Oscar Knott, Bobby Bryan, president; Mike Clark, vice president; Earl Pickett, Earl Morris, secretary-treasurer; Gladys Berlin, David Brankley, James Parks, and Maxey Moore.

Feeder Pig Sales Second in State

Members of the South-Central Feeder Pig Association met last Thursday night in Farmville for their 9th annual banquet and business session.

Two hundred and sixteen persons filled Cedar Brook Restaurant for the occasion, which was hailed by John Parker, of the Virginia Pork Industry Commission, as the second largest gathering in the state of a pork producers association.

The main item during the business portion of the meeting was the election of directors.

Reelected for another term on the association's board of directors were Maxey Moore, of Lunenburg, and Earl Pickett, of Appomattox. Also elected was Mrs. Gladys Berlin, of Cumberland.

A plaque of Appreciation for devoted service to the association was presented to retiring director John Paulett, of Nottoway, who served as a director from 1973-79.

The entire board, and officers elected Thursday night, include Bobby Bryan, president; Mike Clark, vice president; Earl Morris, secretary-treasurer; Earl Pickett, James Parks, David Brankley, Maxey F. Moore, Gladys Berlin, and Oscar Knott.

Mike Carpenter, who works in the marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture, told members that more than 28,000 pigs were sold in auctions at the Farmville sales.

It was noted that 656 producers from 35 counties marketed hogs in Farmville feeder pig sales in 1978 as members of the South-Central Feeder Pig Association. Association sales at Farmville were ranked as the second largest sale in 1978 in Virginia.

Association President Bobby Bryan said that of the 38,000 plus pigs sold through Farmville sales in 1978, 53 per cent were graded U.S. No. 1 & 2.

These 38,000 plus pigs were sold in 24 sales and brought a total $1.7 million.

The pigs brought an average $84.93 per hundred, which Carpenter said was $1 higher than the state average.

HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

The County Junior 4-H Demonstration Program will be Saturday, April 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Appomattox Elementary School. We look forward to a good number of 4-H members involved in demonstrations and illustrated talks this year.

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The American Beekeeping Federation, Inc. will again offer a $250.00 cash award to the 4-H member submitting the best essay on the subject "Products of the Honeybee Colony." Essays should be between 750 and 1000 words. We need your essays in the Extension Office by Friday, April 27.

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The Appomattox 4-H Teen Leader Club has nominated David Caldwell as a delegate to the 1979 Citizenship Washington, D.C. Forum program held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. This week long program, held in July, provides an opportunity for 4-H members to obtain first-hand knowledge of the Federal Government in action. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Caldwell.

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4-H members have been assisting with the county-wide horse survey being conducted in Appomattox, as well as other counties across the state. The survey is designed to provide statistical data for the horse industry in Virginia and show the importance of the horse business to the state. Here in Appomattox we hope to use the survey to provide a basis for a new 4-H Horse and Pony Club in our county.

PRIMARY MENU

Mon., April 23 - Sausage, apple sauce, corn and lima beans, roll, butter, milk, cookie.

Tues., April 24 - Turkey roll, creamed potatoes, gravy, green peas, roll, butter, milk, pudding.

Wed., April 25 - Spaghetti, cheese squares, slaw, peanut butter, cracker, roll, butter, milk, fruit.

Thurs., April 26 - Hamburger, french fries, steamed cabbage, fruit, milk.

Fri., April 27 - Cream of tomato soup, cheese sandwich, turkey squares, apple sauce, doughnut, milk.

Congratulations To Skaters

Congratulations to all skaters particiapating in the ASK Skate-A-Thon and especially to those completing seven hours of skating!

Skaters are reminded to begin collecting pledges from their sponsors as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club - ASK. All donations are tax deductible.

It is recommended that skaters show their validated sheets in order to assure sponsors of the total hours of skating completed.

Collections should be turned in to Mrs. Arlene Stratton, Route 1, Appomattox, (352-8493), or Mrs. Linda Jo Mays, Church Street, Appomattox, (352-5509), BEFORE May 1, 1979.

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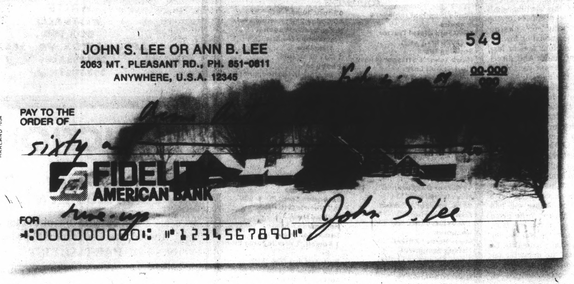

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ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Extension of Sign-Up Period for Participation in the Flue-Cured Tobacco 4-Leaf Program and Warehouse Designation - Because of the critical need for farmers to leave, unharvested, the bottom stalk tobacco and the fact that many organizations plan to conduct a campaign to educate the farmers, it has become necessary to extend the sign-up period in the 4-Leaf Program. To avoid confusion the 4-leaf sign-up period and the warehouse designation period have been extended concurrently through May 1 (The same final date for filing Lease and Transfer Agreements). This action has the support of industry leaders, farm organizations, and other persons concerned with the welfare of the program.

Corn, Sorghum Program Participants to Receive $265 Million Deficiency Payments - Farmers who complied with the 1978 Corn and Grain Sorghum Set-aside Programs will receive $265 million nationally in deficiency payments.

Eligible producers will receive payments in the near future. Corn payments will amount to about $90 million nationally while about $175 million nationally will be paid to eligible grain sorghum producers. Appomattox County eligible producers will receive around $3,000.00 in corn payment and about $700.00 in Grain Sorghum Payments.

Deficiency payments are made to program participants when the national average market price for the first five months (Oct.-Feb.) of the marketing year falls below the government - established target price for the commodity. The payment rate is the lower of the difference between the target price and the five month average price or the national average loan rate.

For eligible 1978 corn acreage, the deficiency payment rate is 3 cents per bushel - the difference between the $2.10 target price and the $2.07 average market price. For grain sorghum, the deficiency payment rate is 33 cents a bushel - the difference the $2.28 per bushel target price and the $1.95 average market price.

The National Program Acreages (NPA) and program allocation factors for the two crops have been approved. The National Program Acreage for is 76.2 million acres and the grain sorghum NPA is 3.7 million acres.

Allocation factors, which are determined by dividing the crop's NPA by the number of harvested acres, are 97.1 percent for corn and 90.8 percent for sorghum. The allocation factor will be applied to program planted acreage on farms where producers did not reduce their 1978 corn and sorghum plantings by 5 percent from their 1977 planted acreage.

Wheat and Feed Grain Set Aside Program - The April 30 deadline for signing up in the Wheat and Feed Grain Set-Aside program is just around the corner. According to our records there are still quite a few farmers in the county who have not been in to see about the program, and with the filing deadline so close it is absolutely imperative that a visit to the office is made in the near future. This applies to those farms with a Normal Crop Acreage (NCA) established.

Our records show that 60 farms are currently signedup. By being in the program these farms if in program compliance, will be eligible for disaster payments, deficiency payments and commodity loans. A farm with an NCA established must participate in the program in order to be eligible for the above benefits.

Program regulations are a 20 percent set-aside for barley and/or wheat planted for harvest as grain and a 10 percent set-aside for corn and or grain sorghum planted for harvest. Wheat farmers are eligible to agree to graze or hay a percentage of their wheat and receive a payment later on in the year if deficiency payments are made. The payment would equal the deficiency payment rate x the established x the grazed or hayed acreage. Corn and or grain sorghum farmers can agree to set-aside and additional 10 percent and be eligible for a payment equal to $1.00 x the established yield x the additional set-aside.

The set-aside land must be land that has been tilled in a crop other than hay in one of the last three years or land that is in a regular crop rotational pattern could have been in hay and still be eligible as set-aside land.

The program has been established to help alleviate depressed grain prices that have been prevalent the last couple of years. Although the program may not fit into all NCA farmers farming operations, it certainly does merit all NCA farmers consideration. It is designed to help increase the price of grain or yet maintain stable prices in order farming operations.

PINEY RIDGE CHURCH PLANS HOMECOMING

Piney Ridge United Methodist Church of Pamplin will hold its Homecoming Services April 29 at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Charlie Price and his son, Rev. John Price, will be the guest ministers for the day.

There will be special music by the church choir and the Price family. Lunch will be served following the service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

James E. Walker Promoted To Staff Sergeant

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - James E. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel J. Walker of Pamplin, Va., has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

The sergeant, an interior electrician at Nellis AFB, Nev., serves with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

Sergeant Walker graduated from high school in 1970. His wife, Auera, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Colston of 169 Danville Way, Sacramento, Calif.

Large Crowd Attend Choir Anniversary

A very large cwod of visitors and friends attended the fourth anniversary celebration of the Galilee Junior Choir last Sundy at 3 p.m. The devotions and welcome were given by the home choir. Special selections were rendered by the following Junior Choirs: First Baptist, Mt. Zion of Concord, Canaan, Mt. Zion of Red House, Springfield, Peaceful Grove, and a solo was rendered by Mr. Spencer of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Red House. Special remarks were given by the director, Mrs. Dorothy Stevens. Mr. George Martin and the pastor, Rev. R. Q. Lawing. The entire program was enjoyed by all who came.

Impressive service was held at Galilee Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor delivered a special Easter message on the subject "Stones that Easter Rolls Away." The church choirs rendered beautiful music. A large number of homecomers and friends were present. Rev. Harrison Kelso took an active part in the service and gave some helpful remarks.

The annual ladies Day will be observed at the Galilee Baptist Church on the 1st Sunday in May at 3 p.m. The Rev. H. W. Pryor and his senior choir will be the special guest.

The general public is invited to the special talent program given by Appomattox Assembly on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in a covered dish refreshment style.

Regular preaching service will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Sunrise Service was held at the Mt. Airy Baptist Church Sunday at 5:30 a.m. The Rev. Mr. Harper was the guest speaker. The Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Sr. gave some remarks.

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Jordan News

Preaching services will be held Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Concord.

The Senior Choir will practice Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Cannan Baptist Church. All members are asked to be present.

The Ladies' Club will meet on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. Norman Turner. All members are asked to be present.

The Men's Club will meet on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. Cris S. Austin. All members are asked to be present.

On the first Sunday in May at 3:00 p.m. the Spiritual Knights will be sponsoring a musical program at the Cannan Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

There will be a bake sale, Saturday, April 21, in front of Kings Market. All ladies who have products to sell are asked to please have them at Mrs. Dorothy Turners by Friday.

Piney Ridge Plans Revival Services

Revival services will be held at Piney Ridge United Methodist Church in Pamplin beginning April 30 and continuing through May 4. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Alex Boda of Tilman Island, Maryland will be the guest speaker for the revival. There will be special music each evening.

The public is invited to attend these revival services.

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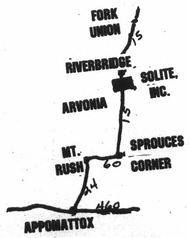

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